

CLAIM AMENDMENTS**Claims 1 through 106 (canceled)**

1. Claim 107 (previously presented) A pVWEX1pyc vector
2. contained in the bacterium deposited under DSM 12893.

1. Claim 108 (previously presented) A bacterium comprising
2. the vector of claim 107.

Claims 109 through 121 (canceled)

1. Claim 122 (new) A method of microbially producing L-
2. amino acids of aspartate and/or glutamate families, which comprises
3. the step of:

4. culturing an amino acid producing microorganism strain in
5. a medium suitable for the production of an L-amino acid, whereby
6. said amino acid producing microorganism strain is transformed with
7. the vector pVWEX1pyc encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino
8. acid sequence having SEQ ID NO:2 with pyruvate carboxylase
9. activity.

1. Claim 123 (new) The method of microbially producing L-
2. amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein the L-amino acid is
3. selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine, L-
4. homoserine and L-glutamate.

1 Claim 124 (new) The method of microbially producing L-
2 amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein said amino acid
3 producing microorganism strain is *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.